



**Montana Shooting Range Grant
Decision Notice
Rocky Mountain Rangers
July 21, 2011**

The Rocky Mountain Rangers are a Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) Club in Noxon, Montana. They have been building a range on properties leased from the Noxon Rod & Gun Club, the Noxon Rod & Gun club is located in Sanders County ½ mile SE of the town of Noxon west of Pilgrim Creek.

The current phase of the range improvements is to place 3" of gravel on a portion of the range, "cowboy town", and the road leading to the range. These areas were already previously disturbed during initial range construction, and have been in use since constructed. The range and road now require the addition of gravel and underlayment as part of their phased range program. These actions are necessary for improved operations, safety and access. The organization has applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program with a request to FWP for \$1,880. All Shooting Range Development grants require matching funds.

A review of the grant proposal has been completed. The improvements to the current range and access road are exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action :...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities;

This project uses no federal funds nor does it take place on state owned or controlled property: therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiquities' Act do not apply.

As a result of the review, funding for this proposed project is approved, pending the Rocky Mountain Ranger's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. For any question or comments concerning this grant contact FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620, or e-mail kcunningham@mt.gov.